

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the study of astronomy provides insight into the mysteries of our galaxy, investigates the origin of the universe, and supplies explanations for many facets of our life on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, the summit of Mauna Kea on the island of Hawai'i hosts the world's largest astronomical observatory, with telescopes operated by 11 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the AstroDay Institute will sponsor AstroDay on May 6, 2006 at the Prince Kuhio Plaza in order to "Bring Astronomy to the People," introduce residents to the astronomical wonders of Hawai'i, and showcase the state's many accomplishments in this field; and

**WHEREAS**, AstroDay 2002 was the recipient of the National Astronomy Day of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, AstroDay 2K6 will feature displays of amateur telescopes, planetarium shows, student science projects, Hawaiian culture and Mauna Kea exhibits, performances by Hawaiian slack key recording artists, astronomical vendors and publishers, a "Kid's Corner," world renown speakers, free prizes and exhibits by all the observatories on Mauna Kea,

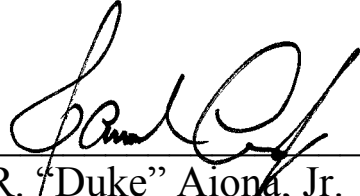
**NOW**, therefore, **I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2006, as

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in Hawai'i, and urge our residents to take part in the celebration and appreciate the importance of astronomy on Mauna Kea.

**Done** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of March 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i